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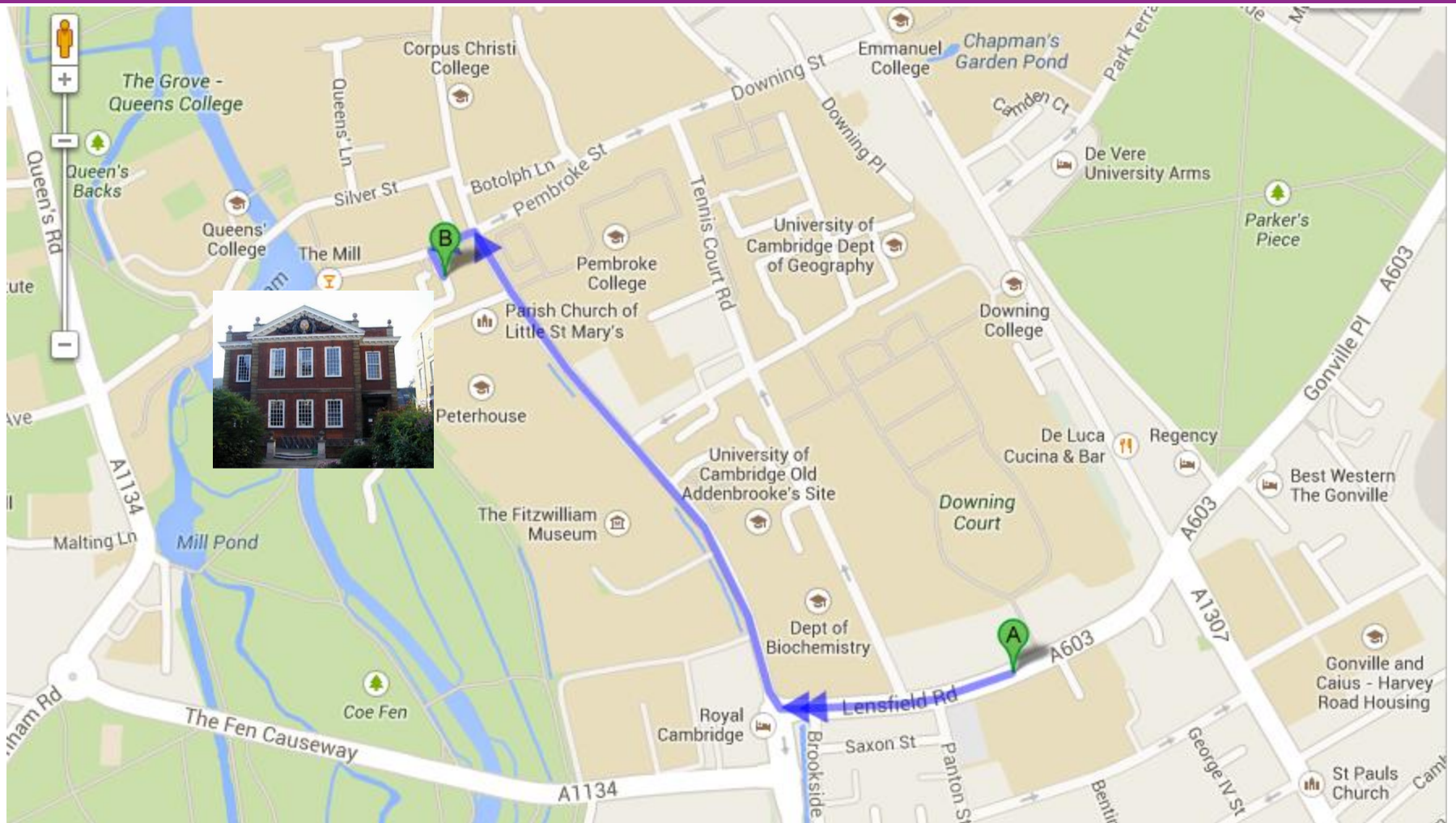
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Careers Advisers for Postdocs in Physical Sciences and Technology

Postdoc Careers Service

postdocs
A Cambridge research community

Where are we?



Specialist Careers Support for Postdocs



Feedback: “I don't really need a job at this moment but I feel a lot of confidence and relaxation after talking with you and visiting the website of Career Service.”

It's never too early to start...

- Time to research different options, make informed decisions
- Chance to make use of resources while you're here – difficult after you've left
- Length of time to apply for fellowships –up to a year. Deadlines for eligibility for applying for fellowships.
- Length of time to apply for non-academic jobs – minimum 3 months, sometimes up to a year
- Find out how to make the most of your time at Cambridge

One-to-one appointments

- Confidential, objective and friendly setting
- You set the agenda
- Mock interviews available
- We try to accommodate all reasonable requests
- To book email: pdocphys@careers.cam.ac.uk

Academia



Research in Industry



Non-research (alternative) careers



Exploring options

What do I want from my career?

Finding Opportunities

Funding, job openings, networking

Making applications

CVs, cover letters, research statements

Interview skills

What to expect and how to perform

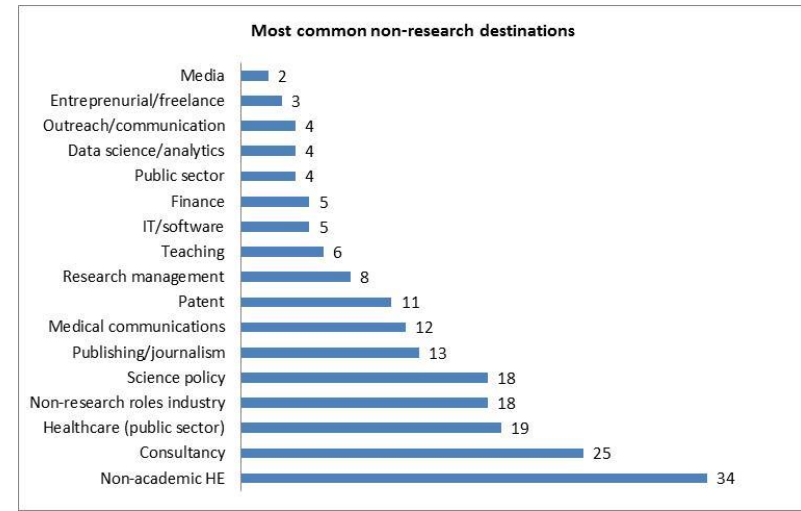
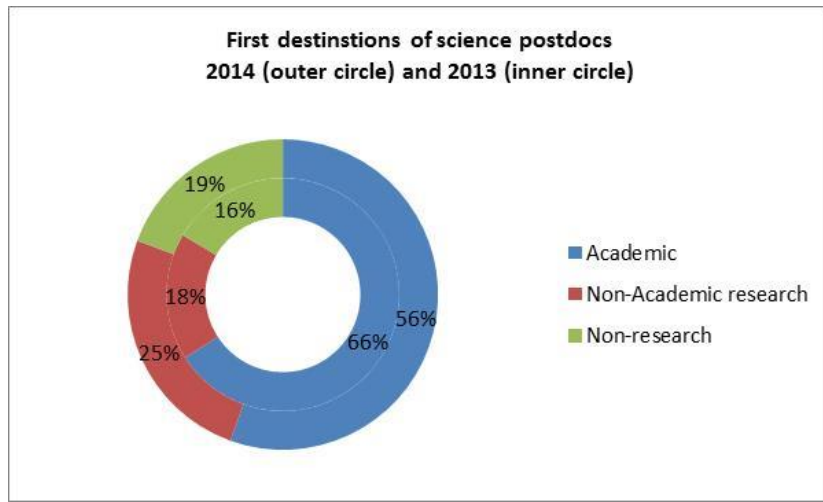
Workshops



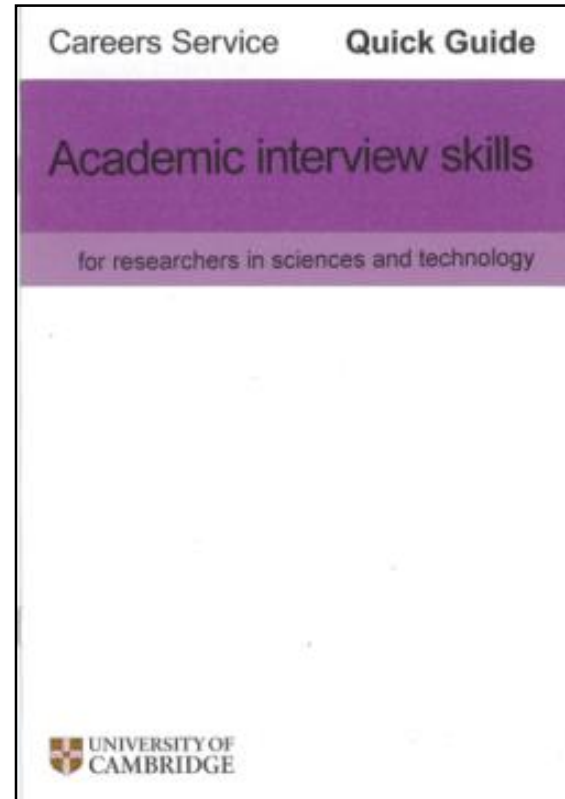
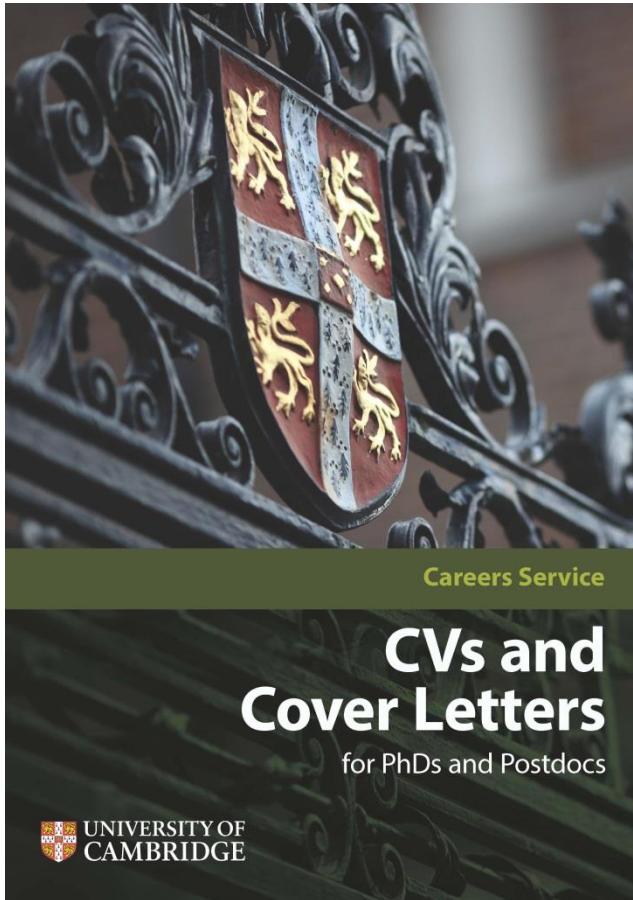
Panel Events



Postdoc destinations



Around 30% of physical science postdocs secure an established or independent position as their next step after Cambridge.



The postdoc web portal

The screenshot shows a web browser displaying the University of Cambridge Postdoc Careers Service website. The browser's address bar shows the URL <http://www.careers.cam.ac.uk/pdocsci/index.asp>. The website header includes the University of Cambridge logo and navigation links for 'Study at Cambridge', 'About the University', and 'Research at Cambridge'. A search bar and 'Quick links' dropdown are also present. Below the header, there are navigation links for 'About Us / Website A-Z / Sitemap / Register / Intranet' and a 'Login' button. The main content area is titled 'Careers Service for postdocs' and features a navigation menu with categories like 'Postdoc home', 'Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences', 'Academic Careers for Scientists', 'Careers Outside Academia for Scientists', 'Applications & Interviews', 'Appointments & What's On', and 'Useful resources'. The 'Science postdocs homepage' section lists various resources such as 'Deciding on a career', 'Academic careers', 'Research in industry', 'Non-research careers', 'Healthcare careers', 'Podcasts of past events', 'Career stories', 'Events diary: life science', 'Events diary: physical science', and 'Registration form'. The 'General Careers Service site' section includes links for 'Career sectors', 'CamCareers email service', 'CVs and Cover Letters Book', 'GradLink', 'Vacancies & Opportunities', and 'Podcasts'. The 'Careers support for science postdocs' section provides a wide range of specific information and support, including 'Online resources' (Deciding on a career / career transition, Academic research careers, Research in industry, Non-research careers, Healthcare careers), 'Careers Advisers' (four advisers offering regular appointments for career guidance), 'Events and workshops' (regular workshops on topics like CVs, interviews, and exploring different careers), and 'Wider resources' (job search - vacancies database, CamCareers emails). The website also features images of a compass and a group of people in a meeting.

Questions to ask yourself now

- What would a long term career in academic research look like and would it **really** suit me?
- What are **my** realistic chances of achieving a lectureship position?
- What are the options outside academic research for people with **my** experience and skills?
- What do I need to do **now** to maximise the chances of a good next step, whether it is inside or outside academia?
- What is happening around Cambridge that I can make use of to make that happen?

Support beyond the Careers Service

- Researcher Development Programme (Dr Sharon Saunders)
<http://www.ppd.admin.cam.ac.uk/information-postdocsresearch-staff/>

Themes include:

Effective research presentations

How to peer review a paper

Teaching and learning

Being assertive

2-day leadership workshop



- You can also access the main PPD programme

Coming up...

Weds 30th Sep Careers briefing: Data science
Thurs 1st Oct Using LinkedIn
Fri 2nd Oct Careers in Quant finance for PhDs (and postdocs)

Careers briefings this term on: consultancy, banking, teaching, public sector, patent work, charity sector, competency interviews.

Careers events (meet employers): ES&T, Careers for Mathematicians, Banking, Consultancy

...and much, much more across all sectors from Sep-Dec!

Registration



www.careers.cam.ac.uk/eReg/PostDocRegForm.asp

- Quick
- Easy
- Occasional emails updating you on what's going on
- Full access to all Careers Service resources

Get in touch.....we'd love to hear from you!

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